GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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Foodgrain Stock
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate stock of essential commodities including foodgrains, pulses, edible oils and sugar are available in the central pool to meet the domestic requirement and contain prices;
(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the current stocks and estimated requirement of foodgrains during the ensuing year, commodity-wise and if not, the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
(c) whether the stocks of essential commodities have declined/are declining due to severe drought during the current year, if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps proposed in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)
(a) & (b): Government maintains stock of only wheat and rice in the Central Pool. The stock of foodgrains in the Central Pool as on 1.12.2015 was 504.99 lakh tons comprising of 236.20 lakh tons of rice (including paddy in terms of rice) and 268.79 lakh tons of wheat as against the foodgrains stocking norms for Central Pool of 307.70 lakh tons comprising of 102.50 lakh tons of rice and 205.20 lakh tons of wheat which is adequate to meet the requirement under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and Other Welfare Schemes (OWS) as per the existing level of allocation as well as to contain market price. Based on the current allocation norms, the estimated allocation of wheat and rice under TPDS for the ensuing year is likely to be 298.35 lakh tons of rice and 250.16 lakh tons of wheat.
(c): No, Madam.
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